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15 Common wintertime ailment  
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18 Peculiar  
19 LummoX  
20 Glisten  
21 — for tat  
22 School-kids' transport  
23 Muscle  
26 No purebred  
30 German car  
31 Talk and talk  
32 Mine, partially  
33 Filled the shelves  
35 Run, as colors

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10 Pop flavor  
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22 Short cut?  
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24 Same old same-old  
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27 Wish otherwise  
28 Prior to  
29 '60s  
31 Tooth-paste, often  
34 Crucial  
35 Fir coat  
37 Swag  
38 Actress Jessica  
39 "Do — others ..."  
40 Celeb  
41 Bridge-table quorum  
42 Easy bounding gait  
43 "Born Free" lioness  
44 Mid-month date  
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**YOU SUCK | BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN**  
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HEY. WE NEED TO TALK.

SUP?

ONCE AGAIN, PEOPLE HAVE CAUGHT ON THAT WE HARDLY EVER MOVE... OR CHANGE EXPRESSIONS... AND I DON'T TAKE MY HANDS OUT OF MY POCKETS. WHAT'S THE DEAL?

PEOPLE ARE TALKING EH? LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT "PEOPLE".

"PEOPLE" MAKE NASCAR THE HIGHEST EARNING SPORT IN AMERICA.

"PEOPLE" ARE THE CAUSE OF HIGH RATINGS FOR THE TRAINWRECK KNOWN AS "TWO AND A HALF MEN"...

AND NEED I REMIND YOU THAT "PEOPLE" ELECTED GEORGE BUSH TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT? TWICE?!

WELL TECHNICALLY, THE MAJORITY DIDN'T VOTE FOR HIM BUT BECAUSE OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE THEY...

SHUT UP. THAT'S NOT MY POINT.

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**The Graduate School announces** the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Lakshmikantha Channaiah at 8:30 a.m. today in Shellenberger 204. The thesis topic is "Polyphasic Characterization of Antibiotic Resistant and Virulent Enterococci Isolated from Animal Feed and Stored-Product Insects."

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**Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional co-ed business fraternity, will have** an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Kedzie 004. The first meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday in Kedzie 004.

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**Applications for Student Alumni Board are** now available at the K-State Alumni Center or online at [www.k-state.com/sab](http://www.k-state.com/sab). There will be an information reception at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Alumni Center for anyone interested in finding out more about the group. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Alumni Center.

**The Graduate School announces** the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Christopher Laingen at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Seaton 132. The thesis topic is "Complex

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**The Disney College Program will give** presentations on internships at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in K-State Student Union 213.

**A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional students is being offered** by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services, Holton 101 or [www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships](http://www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships) for more information.

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**CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**  
There were errors in Monday's Collegian. Gyll Bates is the owner of Bates Dance Studio. Also, the study abroad forum today will be in the Cat's Pause Lounge. The Collegian regrets these errors.  
If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Ann Conrad at 785-532-6556 or e-mail [news@pub.ksu.edu](mailto:news@pub.ksu.edu).

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# Student studies bird populations on Konza Prairie

By Gloria Funcheon  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Jorge Mendoza, senior in biology, knows a thing or two about birds. He spent 10 weeks last summer studying the Upland Sandpiper and Common Nighthawk bird species on the Konza Prairie.

Mendoza was able to do his work through Research Experiences for Undergraduates, a program designed to fund projects for undergraduates interested in ecology and evolutionary biology. Mendoza said he has always been interested in nature for its diversity, but feels particularly drawn to bird species because of “their behavior, coloration, parenting and of course, their origin.”

The Upland Sandpiper, considered the “shorebird of the prairie,” is around eight inches in length with brown and white feathers. Though abundant in the Midwest, Mendoza said their numbers are threatened in the New England states. The birds spend the summer mating primarily in the eastern half

of North America and migrate south for winter in South America.

Mendoza’s work included taking blood samples and attaching small tracking devices in order to monitor the dwindling species via radio telemetry.

“This tracking device emits a radio frequency that can be used to relocate a bird, which is vital to discovering nesting spots that would make it easier to find and track the rest of the population, as well as examine the nesting habits of the bird,” he said.

Upland Sandpipers are generally secretive birds, which Mendoza said makes telemetry an even more important practice in locating them on the prairie.

Mendoza didn’t work alone, though. Rebecca Lohnes, a graduate student from Cornell University, came to the Konza to study breeding habits of the Common Nighthawk. She said she wanted to learn their habits to get a better idea of how big of an area they need to thrive, or their home range.

“Common Nighthawks are declining across their range,”

Lohnes said, “and so it’s important to have places like the Konza Prairie where they are still abundant and where we can study them relatively easily.”

Mendoza also worked with Brett Sandercock, associate professor of biology. Sandercock described the Upland Sandpiper and Common Nighthawk as “charismatic birds” whose successful breeding indicate the health of the local ecosystem. Sandercock said his research with Mendoza and Lohnes will help biologists obtain a “better idea of predicting population dynamics” on the Konza. As insectivores, a large population of birds indicates a healthy population of insects.

The knowledge from this research can be used to further conservation efforts on the Konza and preserve the natural wildlife. Mendoza said he hopes the project continues, as it would increase the population of these birds on the



Jorge Mendoza, senior in biology, spent 10 weeks during the summer studying bird species on the Konza Prairie.

COURTESY PHOTO

Konza Prairie and be quite rewarding.

Mendoza is a part of the Developing Scholars Program, a program for historically under-

represent-

ed college students that fosters research projects with faculty advisers.

# K-State researchers find video games can hurt body image

By Monica Castro  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though the media often focus on the body images of teens and women, two men at K-State have looked at the issue from a different angle.

Christopher Barlett, former K-State graduate student in psychology, and Richard Harris, professor of psychology, have turned the tables a little and researched the effects video games have on men’s body image.

Harris said he thinks the concern of body image among men started in the 1990s. Action figures like G.I. Joes and Star Wars characters used to have lean, average bodies, but recent action figures are becoming more muscular and large.

Harris also said the media have affected the way males feel about their body.

He said with males, it is not as important to be thin, but to be muscular.

Barlett said the reason he chose to use video games for the research was because it allowed the participants to create their own characters, which is something they could not do with a magazine.

“For instance,” Barlett said, “if I created a player that looked like me and was really muscular, then I may feel worse about my body because I do not look like that.”

Barlett said he started his research by looking at how muscular action figures made men feel about their bodies.

“It was an interesting topic for me because people often assumed that women are more likely to be impacted by looking at models than men are,” Barlett said. “However, that is not the case. Men are likely to feel bad about their bodies after seeing muscular models, just

like women tend to feel bad about their bodies after seeing skinny models.”

The research project work started about two or three years ago. Barlett said his first study involved men, and the second study involved women.

Barlett said he did not put men and women into the same study because a majority of the questionnaires are written for men or women, not both.

“Wrestlemania 2000” for Nintendo 64 was used to test men, while researchers used “Extreme Heat Volleyball” on PlayStation 2 for women.

“In both studies, we gave both men and women pre-game measures of their body image and post-game measures,” Barlett said. “Generally, I found that both men and women are more likely to feel worse about their bodies after playing a video game with an ideal im-

age.”

But Barlett said not everyone is affected the same way by the same type of media. In other words, a person playing a wrestling video game with muscular men or skinny women might not feel bad about their body, and some would.

“However, our results showed that on average, with the sample of people who played that game in our lab, [people] are more likely to feel worse about their bodies after game play compared to when they came to the lab,” Barlett said.

Though this research indicated more people were likely to feel worse about their bodies, Barlett said he does not know how long these effects last. He did not gauge behavior, but rather ratings of how participants felt about their bodies.

Harris said counselors are seeing more young men talking about their body image negatively.

“People don’t think of a video

game as being a source of unrealistic gender images, but it is,” Harris said.

Travis Jennings, junior in architectural engineering, said he plays video games as a way to escape from daily activities and events.

“To be honest,” he said, “I do not see why males would think negatively about their bodies. I feel video games are not like ads in a magazine or commercial that portray a single body type.”

But Jennings said he can see why men might feel negatively about their body image after playing video games, because there are games that allow people to change the character’s body to match their own features.

“I think with today’s technology, there are more outlets for companies to try to engage consumers using only stereotypical body types,” he said.

# Wheat scientists receive grant

By Tim Schrag  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State is living up to its name as a land-grant university. Researchers at K-State are receiving a \$100 million grant to research a devastating wheat fungus called mag-naporthe oryzae, or wheat blast, from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The wheat blast fungus is a close relative of a fungus that has long affected rice crops and another fungus that affects turf grass across the country. Wheat blast stunts the growth of the wheat head by affecting the spikelets of the wheat head, giving them a bleached appearance, which prevents the spikelets from developing properly and can lead to

low quality grain. Rice blast is the most serious rice disease worldwide and is very hard to control. Wheat blast could have a devastating effect on the wheat industry if it were to enter the U.S.

Barbara Valent, university distinguished professor of plant pathology, is the leading researcher of wheat blast at K-State. She said research has not yet begun due to the fact because they are still applying for various research permits and planning to hire two research students and one postdoctoral associate.

Valent said the grant money will be critical in order to hire the additional researchers. It will also be used to do research at the Biosecurity Research Insti-

tute in Pat Roberts Hall. Valent also said K-State will be working with scientists in Maryland and Brazil, where wheat blast has been prevalent since the 1980s.

“Our project will involve three critical aspects of plant bio-security research. First we will assess the potential problem. That is, how susceptible are Kansas wheat varieties to wheat blast and can we identify resistance genes that would stop disease,” Valent said.

“Second, we will develop diagnostic tools to identify wheat blast if it appears in Kansas, and third, we will establish web-based communications tools and workshops to train individuals who will respond to the disease.”

# Commission to choose auditors

By Brandon Steinert  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Manhattan city commissioners have only one item on the general agenda for their weekly meeting at 7 tonight at City Hall.

Manhattan is required, by the Single Audit Act of 1984, to be audited every year.

After the audit, the city will send a comprehensive annual financial report to the Government Finance Officers Association of the

United States and Canada.

The next step in the auditing process will be taken tonight, when the commissioners will vote to decide which auditing firm will be employed by the city. Berberich Trahan and Co. has been the company of choice after a five-year contract was signed in 2003. The firm is once again being recommended to the city commission for another five-year contract.

Only two other auditing firms submitted for-

mal proposals – Cochran, Head and Vick; and Varney and Associates.

Berberich Trahan was chosen after thorough interviews with each firm on Jan. 22 and 23.

According to the agenda, Varney and Associates offered a lower price, but Berberich Trahan and Co. was recommended for its superior government-auditing component.

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# Mad cows

Our menus prove not all animals are equal under cruelty laws



ADAM PHAM

Someone recently made the following inquiry of me: “Given your other predispositions, how can you consistently justify your consumption of meat?” I had to admit that my interlocutor had taken the point; I was only Thomas Jefferson at his most vulnerable and disingenuous, inwardly holding the moral view but outwardly insisting on the immoral institution for the economy and shrugging away the objections.

But the same sinister hypocrisy haunts us all; we shrivel in horror at the grotesque cases of cruelty toward domestic animals, yet we meet their advocates in the street with disinterest and irritation. “Why, yes, I’ll accept a copy of your pamphlet,” we respond pleasantly. Anything to placate you. Of course I care about Scruffy, but not the nameless calf hammered into velvety meatloaf with a blunt instrument. Why should I feel differently?

And just in case the notion that our privileged position in the biosphere seems like it might provide the seedling for a good argument, suppose there were some exotic breed of creature who stood in the same supervisory and intellectual relationship to us that we do to the intelligent and sensitive barnyard pig. Would it follow that they would have ethical license to do with us what they pleased – including gouging out our eyes, drowning us in Armagnac and devouring us whole? Of course not. We would protest desperately that we’re sentient creatures and are endowed with rights against such barbarism. You can’t fold us into an omelet – we have Aristotle! We have Dostoevsky! We have quantum mechanics!

And even if Papillion dogs and Lowland gorillas cannot nestle cameras inside their own blood cells, our anti-cruelty laws demonstrate that we should recognize their natural rights, too. We have a natural aversion to needless brutality that clearly extends beyond the scope of our species, and if we insist on housing such thoughts in our heads and housing such laws on the books, then we had better explain why some animals do not fall under the

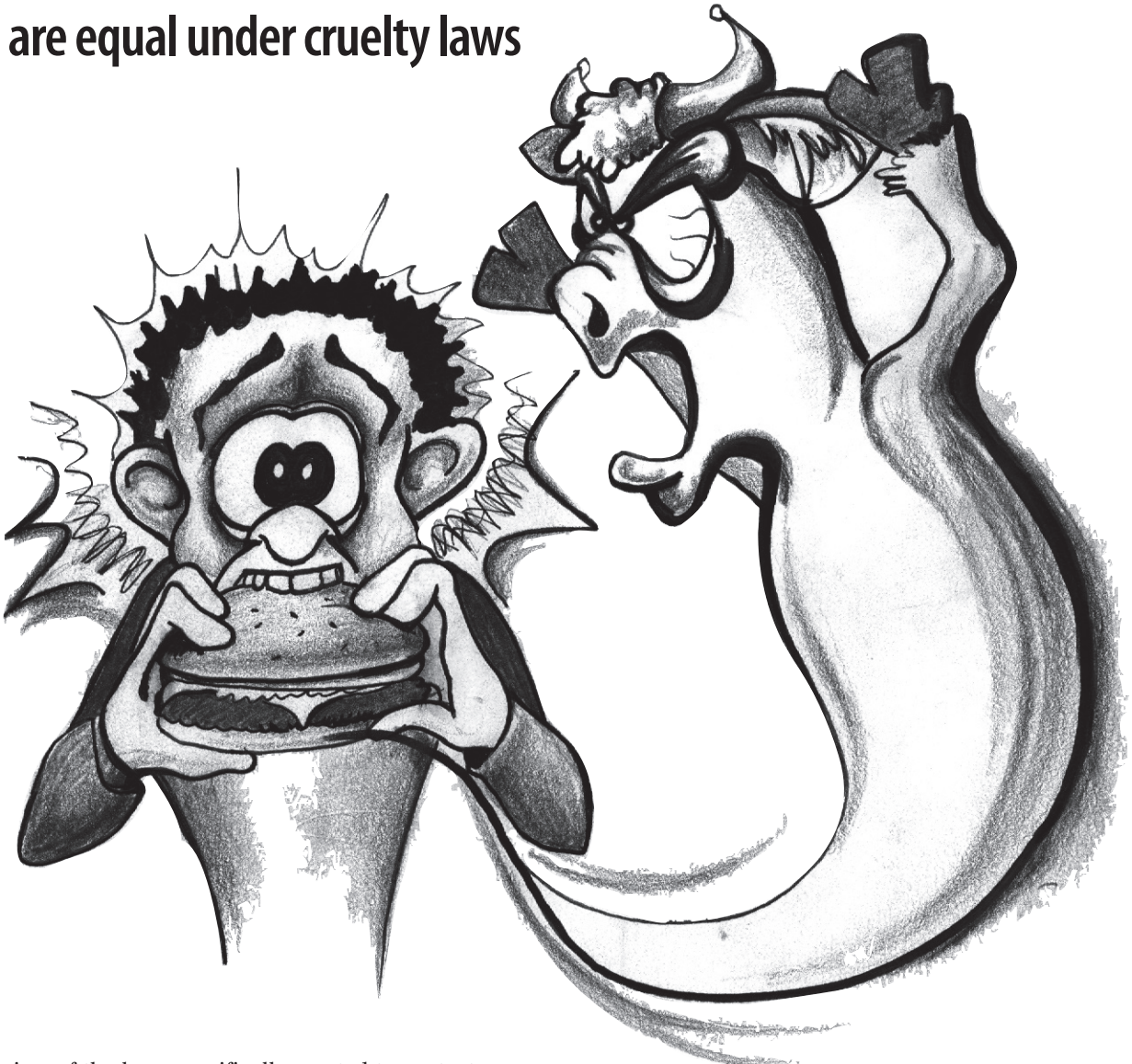


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purview of the laws specifically created to protect them as a class, or why there are extenuating circumstances so important that it doesn’t matter.

Perhaps there are extenuating circumstances, like considerations about the survival of mankind. Well, perhaps there once were vegetarians in modernity armed with supplements and a mountain of empirical data, who no longer need strive only to demonstrate the mere feasibility of their choice, but can rather convincingly argue its positive moral and nutritional superiority.

The fact of the matter is, no matter which way we turn or which utilitarian calculus we invoke, in the end we have only cold explanations of our behavior, not justifications for it. The flesh of animals is a culinary pleasure that tickles taste buds otherwise dormant, and if its owners need suf-

fer a blindfold and a cigarette to provide it, that’s not exactly too bad for us, is it? So, I suppose all along, the sobering thesis is the following: Even if we don’t ourselves abstain from eating meat, we ought to take seriously the objections of those who do, and admit that either we’re not civilized enough to have a coherent ethics distinct from lower mammals, or that we’re just too savage to follow them.

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# Obama’s calmness important during economic strife



SCOTT GIRARD

“He’s a guy I’d like to drink a beer with.”

I heard that on a local sports radio talk show driving back to Manhattan on Monday morning.

At first I laughed because there’s probably no chance that will happen and the statement seems a little degrading for the president of the United States, but then I actually thought about what the announcer was saying.

“Did you see him in that Matt Lauer interview; he’s just a cool guy,” the host later said. Before the Super Bowl, Barack Obama did a live interview with NBC’s Matt Lauer. During the interview, Obama seemed very laid back and confident, using sarcasm and wit while wearing no tie and leaving the top button of his shirt unbuttoned.

It might be easy to be this laid-back before the Super Bowl when you know you’re going to get softball questions, but Obama has been almost as relaxed in his daily presidential work.

Pictures that come floating out of the White House show Obama slouching in his chair and often taking his suit jacket off. In contrast, President George W. Bush hardly ever took his jacket off in the Oval Office.

So why is this important, and not just another menial observation from an overly invasive media? It is a display to the American people that even though the U.S. is going through some tough financial times, there is a person in charge who can remain calm and composed. He is a symbol to aspire to; you can call it hope or you can call it calmness. Either way, the president is showing America that issues should be solved through caring and calm discussion even when the economy seems to be collapsing in on itself.

When Obama leaves the Oval Office and sits down with Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, though, that same calmness and laid-back attitude will need to express even more confidence. A slouch in a chair and an unkempt tie could show disinterest. But as

of now, foreign leaders are optimistic about the new leadership of the U.S. and Obama’s confident rhetoric and intelligence.

In his first few weeks, Obama has shown an admirable calm demeanor that has risen above the strife of the country’s economy. But it has only been about two weeks – and the economy is still on a downslide. With a myriad of issues to solve, nationally and internationally, it will be interesting to see if he keeps his calm.

America needs that sense of security. America needs that confidence. America needs to know that its president can remain cool under the pressure of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

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## THE FOURUM

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The Campus Fourum is the Collegian’s anonymous call-in system. The Fourum is edited to eliminate vulgar, racist, obscene and libelous comments. The comments are not the opinion of the Collegian nor are they endorsed by the editorial staff.

If Denis Clemente were a flavor of ice cream, I would eat it every day.

This isn’t popcorn. This is popcorn shrimp. Where are the kids? Ahh!

Bring the beach balls to Bramlage.

Ron Prince deserves a Super Bowl championship.

To the guy I brought home Friday night: My phone’s in your car. Could you please return it to me?

These muffins are bad.

Maybe that girl was sleeping in her car on campus because to get a parking spot, you pretty much have to show up the night before.

To the fifth-year girl: I’m a good kisser, and I’m cool. That’s how I roll.

How do I resequence my DNA so I can like cats?

It burns when I pee. Is that bad?

Bicycles need to use the same left-turn lane as everybody else. And it is customary to look where you’re going.

To the people who don’t like “You Suck”: stop reading it. Leave it to us with a sense of humor.

Why did my econ teacher look like 50 Cent today?

Bow-legged girl, this is bow-legged guy. Need a ride?

To the guy who doesn’t like “You Suck”: When two people stand around with dialogue each week, that’s called stand-up comedy.

Somebody, please staple Rush Limbaugh’s lips shut so he can’t say any more stupid things.

I wonder why it is that Republicans have no soul.

Your secret’s safe with me even though I don’t think you’re very nice.



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## TO THE POINT

# Foundation shows poor financial planning

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian’s official opinion.

An unfinished foundation sits at the corner of Denison and Kimball avenues as a microcosm of what has happened to our nation’s economy.

The incomplete structure is the beginning of the university’s new KSU Foundation building. The project was put on hold because of huge market losses caused by the failing economy. The Foundation lost about \$100 million – about 30 percent of its investments – last fall.

K-State is still completing part of the construction to leave the building’s progress at a point where construction can resume again if the Foundation finds the funds, spending \$5 million so far.

It only seems natural that the current economic recession, which largely stemmed from speculative real estate and property purchases, would reach K-State, and in a major way. Seemingly, the Foundation’s goals exceeded its means when it began construction on the \$18 million project.

Just as this recession possibly could have been

avoided – or at least softened if home buyers would have financed mortgages within their means – maybe we would not be looking at the unfinished foundation of a multimillion-dollar project sitting in an empty field if the university would have practiced a little more restraint.

Just as time will show if our nation will pull itself out of this economic plunge, it will reveal if the KSU Foundation will be able to find the funding to finish a project that for now stands only as a huge, local example of financial failure.



LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD

## Life callings appear in all moments



ADAM REICHENBERGER

"She's gotta be a lesbian." Not that there's anything wrong with that. My roommate Scott and I were out celebrating being alive for another day and a young lady had recently made his acquaintance.

"No way, man!" he refuted.

"She reminded me of the boy from 'The Red Balloon,'" I continued.

"Whatever, dude. She was cute."

"Sure she was, but so was the boy from 'The Red Balloon' and he spoke French."

"She spoke Spanish!"

"She had sideburns."

"Whatever, dude."

"She did."

Maybe she did — it was hard to tell in the dark, once smoky and now dank basement of Auntie Mae's. I love the bar, but since the smoking ban, the dank smell has really come out of the woodwork.

I've been sitting on that dialogue for nearly a month now and while it holds no relevance to any article, it makes me smile every time I think back to it.

But now that I think about it, maybe it does. It made me smile, and I hope it does the same for you.

I recently read a book called "The Alchemist." I read it in a matter of hours and loved it. It's the only book I've read in one sitting aside from the time I read "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" to keep my friend awake as she drove us back from Lincoln, Neb., a year or so ago.

The book revolves around a boy searching out his Personal Legend — essentially your calling, if you believe in that sort of thing. I do. Well the only problem I've had in life is that I've never had a calling, or at least I never felt I did. There was never anything I really wanted to do. I never wanted to be an astronaut or a fireman, an actor or a doctor; I never really had a "cause" in life.

Maybe it's selfish of me to say so, but it is so frustrating to see the world around you working toward some goal and enjoying doing so. My only goal has always been to have a goal. It sucks.

Well, that is to say it used to suck. I've always known my calling, I suppose; I just never realized that it could be a calling. It certainly isn't an option on that little circle chart your high school adviser gives you. I like making people happy, and I believe my calling, my purpose in life, my Personal Legend is to love. Just love. Show the rest of the world that it still exists, and that goodness and truth can be found every day in a coffee or a flower, a smile or a handshake, a whistle and a tune.

Maybe people are jerks and will use you and lie to you and cheat you, but maybe they won't. Some of us just want to see you smile.

Naturally people doubt.

"You can't make a living off love, Adam," they've said. But it's not my fault love transcends capitalism and people won't pay those who love to love.

So now I play this game called love every day. I write it on my hand in the morning, and all day long I do the best I can. I lose a lot — a lot more than I win, in fact, but it's not whether I win or lose, because as long as I'm still playing, the game still exists. And that is all that matters.

Smile, babe; you're a bright shining star, and all the lights of the world couldn't hide your glow.

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# THE EDGE

## New moves



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## Heart technology enhances workouts



SARAH HURD

Technology is increasingly available and has become a minute-by-minute necessity. We carry cell phones, PDA's, MP3 players and an array of gadgets with us at all times. It is fitting that the technology world would offer a few devices to assist us in keeping us up-to-date with our own fitness and health.

A new technology, the SM-HEART LINK wireless bridge from TMP Technology, Inc., is a device that can integrate data from various wireless devices to the Apple iPhone. It uses data from a variety of brands of heart rate sensors and bicycle computers to display heart rate, calories burned, speed, power and more, directly onto the iPhone. A variety of applications can be

downloaded for use with this versatile device.

One application, Make Every Workout Count, works with the iPhone and New Leaf fitness, which is a metabolic profile site that personalizes workouts based on users' height, weight, age, etc. This application helps you exercise at the right intensity and target heart rate zone while tracking the calories you have burned. There are other applications, such as iSpinning, that are specialized for bicycle enthusiasts.

The SMHEART LINK can be purchased for \$154.95 online at [www.smheartlink.com](http://www.smheartlink.com). To use the SMHEART link, one must also purchase a heart rate sensor like one from Garmin, which is listed on the site for \$39.95. An iPhone is also required for use of this product.

Another piece of technology that is less expensive and still user-friendly is the Nike+iPod sport pack. It is specifically designed for runners and walkers as it tracks distance, pace and calories burned while giving you feedback throughout the workout.

The device consists of two

sensors: one that attaches to the iPod and one that goes underneath the insole of certain Nike+ compatible shoes. The sensor can track distance by using the foot strike and calibrated stride length to calculate how far you've gone. After working out, you can sync your iPod and upload all of your workout data to the Nike+ Web site where you can track your progress, enlist in a Nike+ training program or set specific goals for yourself.

Nike+ compatible shoes range from approximately \$80-\$120 and the sport pack, which does not include an iPod, can be purchased for \$29.99. For those who already own an iPod, this is a worthwhile investment.

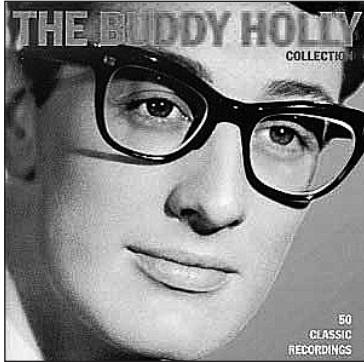
If you are looking for something to boost your motivation, if you are particularly tech-savvy or if you simply desire to keep detailed information about your workouts, both the SM-HEART LINK and Nike+ technology are great additions to your workout routine.

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With the Nike+iPod sport pack, runners can track their progress with sensors implanted in their Nike+ shoes and iPod. The tracker is implanted in the left shoe, and tracks the user's steps to measure the distance covered during the run.

## WHY BUDDY HOLLY WILL NEVER FADE AWAY



*Fifty years after Buddy Holly's death, a leading critic argues that the influence of the man who created rock music is as great as ever.*

On the basis of simply counting heads, rock music surpasses even film as the 20th century's most influential art form. By that reckoning, there is a case for calling Buddy Holly, who died in a plane crash 50 years ago today, the century's most influential musician.

Holly and Elvis Presley are the two seminal figures of 1950s rock 'n' roll, the place where modern rock culture began.

But Presley's contribution to original, visceral rock 'n' roll was little more than that of a gorgeous transient; having unleashed the world-shaking new sound, he soon forsook it for slow ballads, cheap movie musicals and Las Vegas cabarets. Holly, by contrast, was a pioneer and a revolutionary. His was a multidimensional talent which seemed to arrive fully formed in a medium still largely populated by fumbling amateurs. The songs he co-wrote and performed with his backing band the Crickets remain as fresh and potent today as when recorded on primitive equipment in New Mexico half a century ago: "That'll Be The Day," "Peggy Sue," "Oh Boy," "Not Fade Away."

To call someone who died at 22 "the father of rock" is not as fanciful as it seems. As a songwriter, performer and musician, Holly is the progenitor of virtually every world-class talent to emerge in the '60s and '70s. The Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, the Byrds, Eric Clapton, Pete Townshend and Bruce Springsteen all freely admit they began to play only after Buddy taught them how. Though having no eyesight problems as a teenager, Elton John donned spectacles in imitation of the famous Holly horn-rims and ruined his eyesight as a result.

Holly's voice is the most imitated, and inimitable, in rock. Hundreds of singers have borrowed its eccentric pronunciation and phrasing.

Pop music has become an endless round of recycling, each new generation believing it is the first to discover its repertoire of "cool" and limited palette of sentiments and chords. In the genes of almost every band, Buddy Holly has been there, either by conscious assimilation or via his disciples. "Listen to any new release," said Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones, whose first killer riff was on the 1964 cover of "Not Fade Away." "Buddy will be in it somewhere. His stuff just works," he said.

Holly's time on the world stage was pitifully short, lasting only from September 1957, when "That'll Be The Day" became an international hit, to Feb. 3, 1959, when he and two fellow performers, Ritchie Valens and JP "The Big Bopper" Richardson, died in a small plane crash.

In 16 crowded months, Holly created a blueprint for enlightened rock stardom that every newcomer with any pretense at self-respect still aspires to follow. He was the first rock 'n' roller both talented and strong-minded enough to insist on the artistic control his musical heirs now take for granted. He was the first, not only to write his own songs, but also to arrange them, directing his backup musicians to his own exacting standards. He was the first to understand and experiment with studio technology, achieving effects with echo, double-tracking and overdubbing on primitive Ampex recorders which have never been bettered.

The years since 1959 have seen many other great talents prematurely snuffed out, but Holly's death has a special poignancy. This was no rock 'n' roll roughneck, hell-bent on self-annihilation, but an amiable (and deeply religious) young Texan whose life had not the least taint of scandal, discredit or unkindness; who had recently married and was about to become a father.

Dying so young and pure, he left his fans an extra gift. They can never be disillusioned.



‘Foul play’ suspected in Tucson Super Bowl surprise porn feed

The pornographic content that interrupted thousands of Comcast subscribers’ Super Bowl broadcast was the result of an “isolated malicious act,” a company spokeswoman said Monday.

“But company officials have yet to determine how that act was committed,” said spokeswoman Kelle Maslyn, though any sort of equipment malfunction has been ruled out.

“We did an extensive preliminary check on our technical systems, and everything appeared to be working properly when the incident occurred,” Maslyn said.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Attorney’s office in Phoenix said it is looking into the interruption, which lasted about 30 seconds, and featured full male nudity.

“We take this matter seriously,” said spokesman Wyn Hornbuckle. “We’re working with appropriate agencies to review the incident.”

“One of those agencies, the Federal Communications Commission, was not aware of any formal complaints made regarding the porn clip,” FCC media relations director David Fiske said Monday afternoon.

It is still unclear how many viewers saw the clip from a porn movie being shown on Shorteez, an adult cable channel offered by Comcast on a pay-per-view basis.

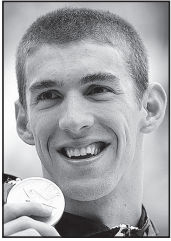
“Only Comcast subscribers who received a standard definition signal could see the clip, while those who watched the game on high-definition televisions were not affected,” Maslyn said.

Comcast is southern Arizona’s second-largest cable subscriber, with more than 80,000 customers in unincorporated Pima County, Marana and Oro Valley.

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IOC, Phelps’ sponsors promise more support

The International Olympic Committee and two of Michael Phelps’ leading sponsors expressed support for the Olympic great Monday, a day after he apologized for being photographed in a British newspaper inhaling from a marijuana pipe.



Phelps OLYMPIAN

The IOC said Monday it was confident Phelps would learn from his “inappropriate behavior” and continue to serve as a role model.

Luxury Swiss watchmaker Omega termed Phelps’ actions a private matter and “nonissue.” Swimwear manufacturer Speedo called the 23-year-old American a “valued member of the Speedo team.”

“Michael Phelps is a great Olympic champion,” the IOC said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press. “He apologized for his inappropriate behavior. We have no reason to doubt his sincerity and his commitment to continue to act as a role model.”

Phelps acknowledged “regrettable” behavior and “bad judgment” after the photo appeared Saturday in the tabloid News of the World.

Speedo gave Phelps a \$1 million bonus for his record eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics. Phelps joined Speedo in 2001, a year after making his Olympic debut in Sydney. He dominated the Beijing Games in the company’s high-tech LZR Racer suit.

“In light of Michael Phelps’ statement yesterday, Speedo would like to make it clear that it does not condone such behavior and we know that Michael truly regrets his actions,” Speedo, which is based in Nottingham, said in a statement to The Associated Press.

“Michael Phelps is a valued member of the Speedo team and a great champion. We will do all that we can to support him and his family.”

Omega said it was “strongly committed” to its relationship with Phelps, calling his Beijing accomplishments “among the defining sporting achievements in the history of sport.”

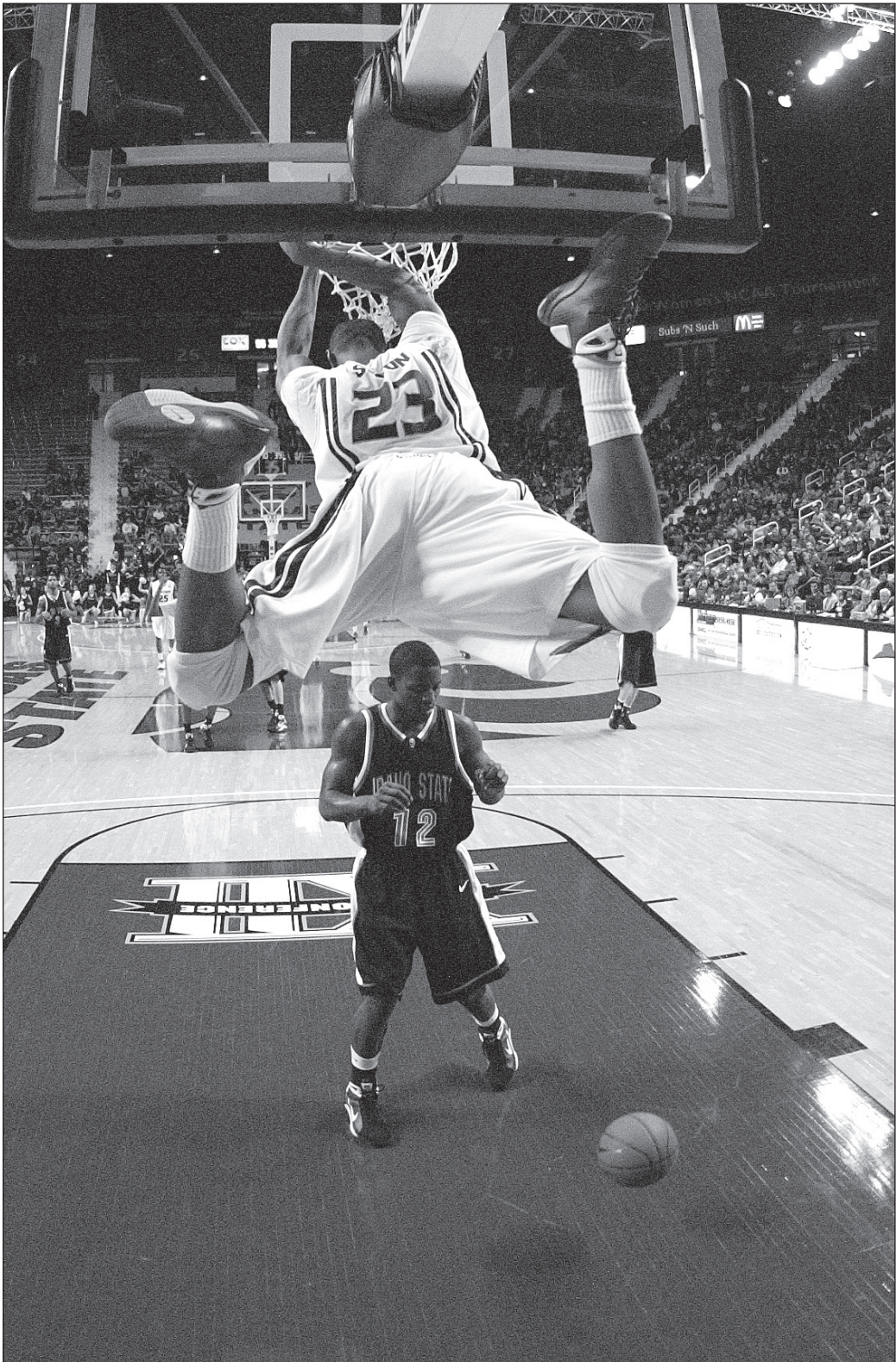
“The current story in the press involves Michael Phelps’ private life and is, as far as Omega is concerned, a nonissue,” the company said.

The News of the World said the picture was taken during a November house party while Phelps was visiting the University of South Carolina.

Under World Anti-Doping Agency rules, an athlete is subject to sanctions only for a positive test during competition periods.

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No time to rest



Dominique Sutton hangs onto the basket after a dunk against Idaho State on Jan. 3 at Bramlage Coliseum.

Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Wildcats look to avoid letdown against Cyclones

By Cole Manbeck KANAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A losing streak can do one of two things – it can either tear a team apart or bring it together.

For K-State (14-7, 3-4 Big 12 Conference), it would appear the four-game losing streak to start conference play has unified the Wildcats. K-State is coming off its biggest win of the season – an overtime victory at Texas on Saturday – and will look to avoid a letdown tonight against a struggling Iowa State team (12-9, 1-5).

Coach Frank Martin said the ability of his team to withstand the late run by Texas and still manage to win was a testament to his team’s toughness.

“We’ve got a group of guys that are special,” Martin said. “We believe in them as coaches. They fight their rear ends off for us. They are young kids. We went through a little tough stretch where we didn’t play well. Well, the Big 12 does that to you – it happens.

“These kids – everything they’ve done since we’ve been here – they take it on and I think that’s just seeing us continue to do something that reflects the kinds of kids we’ve got on this team,” he said.

Sophomore guard Jacob Pullen said he knew Texas would make a run, and the mental toughness of his teammates enabled them to respond to the 30-13 Longhorn run during the last eight minutes of the game.

“We’re all tough kids,” Pullen said. “We’ve all had tough situations in our life and we’re all tough enough now that we know even if a team does fight back, to take that blow and give out another one and just try to contain the game.”

Denis Clemente, who was named the Big 12 player of the week Monday, said the Wildcats must avoid a repeat of last season when they lost at Missouri after beating a KU team that was No. 2 in the nation, but added he doesn’t think it will be a problem.

“We feel a lot of confidence now,” said Clemente, whose 44 points against the Longhorns tied Michael Beasley’s Big 12 record for most points in a game. “We feel like we can beat anybody in the Big 12 so we gotta keep winning.”

The Cyclones are back on their heels after a four-game losing streak but are led by one of the conference’s best players, Craig Brackins.

The 6-foot-10 sophomore enters tonight’s game as the second-leading scorer in

the conference with 19.5 points per game, behind only Oklahoma’s Blake Griffin.

Martin said that Brackins presents a difficult matchup for his team.

“He’s good,” he said. “He can score in transition. He can score with his back to the basket. He can shoot the three and can score off the dribble. He’s gonna present a matchup problem for us that we have to be prepared to deal with and make sure that defensively we’re as sharp as we’ve been.”

Pullen said the Wildcats were already preparing for Iowa State after the victory at Texas and didn’t get the typical day off after a Saturday game due to the quick turnaround.

“After the win at Texas, we have to mellow down, but we also have to keep the same confidence and protect our home court,” Pullen said.

Tipoff is set for 7:10 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum.



Clemente emerging as much-needed team leader



BRAD DORNES

Slowly but surely, the K-State men’s basketball team is starting to have a certain Latin feel to it. The Wildcats have started to play with a little more spice and flavor.

Junior guard Denis Clemente, a Puerto Rican native, has recently started to emerge as the leader of this team, most clearly Saturday in Austin, Texas.

Clemente scored 44 points, tying Michael Beasley’s Big 12 record, and led the Wildcats to a huge overtime victory over the then-No. 12 team in the nation, Texas. His flawless scoring, 6-6 from behind the 3-point arc and 12-12 from the free throw line, is what really showed he is truly becoming the leader of this team.

The Longhorns came out sluggish and the Wildcats took advantage, leading by 15 points for most of the game.

Texas’ fans were completely taken out of the game and it looked as if the Longhorns had conceded the game. But like every good team, Texas made a couple of runs, cut K-State’s lead and eventually sent the game into overtime.

But for every run the Longhorns made, Clemente was there to keep the Wildcats poised and answered with a score of his own. He scored 36 of his 44 points in the second half and those points accounted for 86 percent of K-State’s offense in that half.

“Denis is a heck of a player,” said head coach Frank Martin after the game. “He’s been making the adjustment after transferring and sitting out last year. That’s not easy. I’m so proud of him.”

Clemente’s transformation as the team’s leader started in Boulder, Colo. He had always been a decent scorer – 13 times in double figures, including two 20-point efforts – but at Colorado, he took control of the team.

It just seemed to click for him. He finally understood what it took to win in the Big 12 Conference. He finally understood that scoring was not the only thing he had to do to get K-State to win ball games.

He finally understood that he had to read the opposing defense, make the right play calls and always stay in control, no matter what the situation might be.

Just a few weeks ago, many people thought the Wildcats’ year was over and this team could never come close to what last year’s team accomplished. ESPN’s college basketball analyst Doug Gottlieb even said K-State was “dead in the water.”

But since Clemente’s enlightenment in Colorado, K-State has never looked back. The team has reeled off three straight wins, including Saturday’s upset over the Longhorns.

Clemente now leads the team in scoring with 14.3 points per game and in assists with 3.3 a game.

“He’s taken this team and just led us, especially after the tough times,” Martin said. “His personality has taken over our team.”

Clemente might be coming into his own but he is far from being as good a leader as what this team needs him to be.

He still commits too many turnovers and when he drives into the lane, he is out of control most of the time.

But these problems are easy to fix. All he has to do is take better care of the ball and try to pass to his teammates for more open shots.

He’s not perfect, but in Clemente we must trust.

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# Study abroad forum to feature students' stories during discussion

**By Elise Podhajsky**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

An informational meeting for returning study abroad students will give students a chance to share their overseas experiences and give the Office of Study Abroad feedback on their programs. The meeting will be from 6-7 p.m. today in the Cat's Pause Lounge on the second floor of the K-State Student Union.

Elizabeth Hansen-Devaux, study abroad adviser, said she encourages all students who have studied abroad in previous semesters to attend.

"I think a lot of students

want to share their experiences with other people," she said.

"Usually our study abroad students have a lot to say about their experience and enjoy sharing that with one another."

Hansen-Devaux said the office wanted to connect with students to get feedback

on the K-State program as well as their host university's program.

She said it will be an opportunity for returning students to express concern and share comments with program coordinators.

During the meeting, Hansen-Devaux said students will also be discussing study abroad mentors – a position for returning study abroad students to help promote the K-State program as well as work with the university's international students.

"[The meeting] will just be a low-key conversation with returning study abroad students," she said. "The main focus is to connect."

**What:**  
Study Abroad Forum

**When:**  
6-7 p.m.

**Where:**  
Cat's Pause Lounge  
in the K-State Student Union

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- 2/19 - Market Analysis & Research (Union 207)
- 2/26 - Financial Planning & Feasibility (Union 207)
- 3/3 - Library Resources (Hale - Hemisphere Room)
- 3/5 - Operations (Union 209)
- 3/12 - Management & Growth (Union 207)
- 3/26 - Workshop (Union 207)
- 4/2 - All Feasibility Plans Due By 5:00 PM
- 4/9 - Presentation Workshop (Union 207)
- 4/24 - Final Competition—all day
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## 'Hungry Hungry Wildcats'

K-State is one of the top teams in the conference in rebounding, but no single Wildcat leads the way — it's been a team effort.

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# K-State men receiving votes while women drop to No. 18

**BIG 12 MEN’S BREAKDOWN**

As Oklahoma continues to win games, they are starting to separate themselves from the rest of the Big 12 Conference. K-State has won three in a row and will look to carry that momentum over into tonight’s game against Iowa State.

**BAYLOR (15-6, 3-4 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** at Texas Tech  
**Key player:** Senior guard Curtis Jerrells. The Bears started conference play off strong but have lost their last three in a row. Jerrells is the leader of this team and must figure out how to get them back on track.



**COLORADO (9-11, 1-5 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** Nebraska  
**Key player:** Sophomore guard Cory Higgins. Higgins is really the lone bright spot for the Buffaloes as he leads the team in points at 17.6 per game, and rebounds with 6.1 per game. He is second on the team in assists by averaging 2.7 a game.



**IOWA STATE (12-9, 1-5 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** at K-State  
**Key player:** Sophomore forward Craig Brackins. Brackins leads the Cyclones in scoring with 19.5 points per game and is second in scoring in the Big 12 behind OU's Blake Griffin.



**KANSAS (17-4, 6-0 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 21  
**Up next:** vs. Oklahoma State  
**Key player:** Junior guard Sherron Collins. Collins is the most experienced KU player and is third in the Big 12 in scoring with 18.3 points per game.



**K-STATE (14-7, 3-4 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** receiving votes  
**Up next:** vs. Iowa State  
**Key player:** Junior guard Denis Clemente. Clemente scored 44 points against Texas last Saturday.



**MISSOURI (18-4, 5-2 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** receiving votes  
**Up next:** at Texas  
**Key player:** Senior forward DeMarre Carroll. The senior leads the Tigers in points at 16.8 per game and is the leading Tiger rebounder, averaging seven rebounds per game.



**NEBRASKA (13-7, 3-4 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** at Colorado  
**Key player:** Senior guard Ade Dagunduro. Dagunduro leads the Cornhuskers in scoring with 11.8 points per game and in rebounding with 3.9 per game.




**OKLAHOMA (21-1, 7-0 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 5  
**Up next:** vs. Texas A&M  
**Key player:** Freshman guard Willie Warren. Warren is averaging 15.5 points a game and is becoming a Oklahoma's second offensive option behind Blake Griffin.



**OKLAHOMA STATE (13-7, 2-4 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** vs. Texas Tech  
**Key player:** Sophomore guard James Anderson. Anderson averages 17.3 points per game. The Cowboys have five total guards who average in double-digit points.



**TEXAS (15-5, 4-2 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 16  
**Up next:** vs. Missouri  
**Key player:** Junior guard Damion James. James is averaging 15.7 points per game and is fifth in the Big 12 in rebounding with 8.6 per game.



**TEXAS A&M (17-5, 3-4 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** at Oklahoma  
**Key player:** Senior guard Josh Carter. Carter leads the Aggies' balanced offense with 12.9 points per game. Texas A&M has four players averaging double digits in scoring.



**TEXAS TECH (10-7, 0-2 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** at Oklahoma State  
**Key player:** Sophomore guard John Roberson. Roberson leads the Red Raiders in scoring with 14.6 points per game.



—Compiled by Brad Dornes

**BIG 12 WOMEN’S BREAKDOWN**

The Big 12 is one of the toughest conferences in the country with half of the league ranked in the AP Top 25 poll and Oklahoma State is also receiving votes. K-State dropped in the polls after the loss to Iowa State.

**BAYLOR (17-3, 5-2 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 8  
**Up next:** at Nebraska  
**Key player:** Junior post Danielle Wilson. Despite the Bears' two consecutive losses, Wilson has combined for 29 and is the leading scorer throughout the season with 15.1 points per game.



**COLORADO (10-9, 2-5 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** at Kansas  
**Key player:** Sophomore forward Brittany Spears. The sophomore forward from Pasadena, Cal. ranks third in the Big 12 in scoring with 18.2 pints per game. The Buffaloes will need her offensive explosiveness on the road against Kansas this week.



**IOWA STATE (15-4, 3-2 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 21  
**Up next:** vs. Texas A&M  
**Key player:** Senior guard Heather Ezell. Ezell is leading the Cyclones in scoring, and will look to extended the Cyclones winning streak to four games against south power Texas A&M.



**KANSAS (12-7, 1-5 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** vs. Colorado  
**Key player:** Junior guard Danielle McCary. The senior guard is leading the Jayhawks in scoring and will look to get them back on track this week at home against Colorado. McCary is averaging 19.4 points per game.



**K-STATE (18-2, 5-2 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 18  
**Up next:** vs. Missouri  
**Key player:** Senior guard Shalee Lehning. Shalee will look to get the Wildcats back on track after suffering their second loss of the season at Iowa State Saturday. Lehning is averaging a NCAA leading 8.4 assists per game.



**MISSOURI (10-10, 1-6 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** at K-State  
**Key player:** Senior guard Alyssa Hollins. Hollins is averaging 13.3 points per game for the struggling Tigers. She will have to have a big performance against the prolific defense of K-State, which ranks top in the Big 12 Conference.



**NEBRASKA (10-10, 1-6 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** vs. Baylor  
**Key player:** Junior guard Yvonne Turner. The quick guard is averaging 12 points per game and is a presence on the perimeter for the Huskers.



**OKLAHOMA (18-2, 7-0\* BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 2  
**Up next:** Texas Tech  
**Key player:** Senior center Courtney Paris. Paris is a three-time consensus All American and has registered 112 consecutive double-doubles. \*at press time



**OKLAHOMA STATE (14-5, 3-3 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** receiving votes  
**Up next:** vs. Texas  
**Key player:** Junior guard Andrea Riley. Riley is the centerpiece of the Cowgirl offense and is averaging 23.5 points per game. The Cowgirls have won two conference road games in a row.



**TEXAS (15-5, 3-3 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 16  
**Up next:** at Oklahoma State  
**Key player:** Sophomore guard Kathleen Nash. Nash is leading the Longhorn offense with 13.8 points per game and help lead Texas passed the No. 2 ranked Baylor Lady Bears on Sunday.



**TEXAS A&M (17-3, 5-2 BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** 11  
**Up next:** at Iowa State  
**Key player:** Senior guard Takia Starks. Starks is the centerpiece to the Aggies squad, and will look to lead the Aggie offense against a tough Iowa State team who is 11-0 at home this season.



**TEXAS TECH (12-8, 3-4\* BIG 12)**

**AP rank:** NR  
**Up next:** Texas Tech  
**Key player:** Senior forward Dominic Seals. The forward from Dallas is leading the Lady Red Raiders in scoring with 14 points per game. \*at press time



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# Wildcats step up rebounds after losing Beasley, Walker

By Brad Dornes  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Through the ups and downs of the season, rebounding has always been the one constant fundamental that the K-State men's basketball team has maintained.

This fundamental skill is the most basic element of the game. All a player must do is box out an opposing player and chase after a missed shot.

On offense the Wildcats do not have an prolific scorer and likewise they do not have a dominating rebounder. Its a total team effort.

Four players – Ron Anderson, Luis Colón, Darren Kent and Dominique Sutton – have grabbed double-digit rebounds eight times this season. Anderson leads the team averaging 5.7 rebounds per game.

“K-State is one the best rebounding teams in the country,” Baylor head coach Scott Drew said.

Until recently K-State was the top rebounding team in the Big 12.

Now K-State is second to KU in

rebounding margin at a positive 6.5 rebounds per game. This means that the Wildcats average 6.5 more rebounds than their opponent.

Through 21 games, K-State is averaging 39.4 rebounds, including a Big 12 best 16.2 offensive rebounds. The Wildcats have five players averaging for or more rebounds a game.

K-State also ranks as the No. 23 rebounding team in the nation.

As a team, K-State ranks among the best in the Big 12 in four categories, including first in offensive rebounds, second in rebounding margin and rebounding defense and is third in overall rebounding.

All of this comes as a surprise to many basketball fans, since the Wildcats lost two of the best Big 12 rebounders in Michael Beasley and Bill Walker to the NBA. That duo helped K-State secure 41.3 rebounds a year ago.

“We can't rely on two guys like we did last year,” senior forward Darren Kent said. “This year it has to be a team effort.”



Luis Colón attempts to grab a rebound against three Missouri defenders Wednesday night. The Wildcats look to extend their three-game winning streak tonight against Iowa State.

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Men's Big 12 Conference Standings									
Conference Leaders					Big 12 Conference (as of Tuesday)				
Scoring		Rebounds			Standings		Conference		Overall
	PPG		RPG						
1. B. Griffin (OU)	22.4	1. B. Griffin (OU)	14.1		<b>Men's</b>		W	L	W L
2. C. Brackins (ISU)	19.5	2. C. Aldrich (KU)	9.9		Oklahoma		7	0	21 1
3. S. Collins (KU)	18.3	3. C. Brackins (ISU)	9.1		Kansas		6	0	17 4
4. C. Higgins (CU)	17.5	4. O. Muonelo (OSU)	9.1		Missouri		5	2	18 4
5. J. Anderson (OSU)	15.3	5. D. James (UT)	8.6		Texas		4	2	15 5
Assists		Field-goal shooting			Texas A&M		3	4	17 5
	APG		Percent		Baylor		3	4	15 6
1. J. Roberson (TTU)	6.24	1. B. Griffin (OU)	63.6		<b>K-State</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14 7</b>
2. B. Eaton (OSU)	5.80	2. C. Aldrich (KU)	62.8		Nebraska		3	4	13 7
3. C. Jerrells (CU)	5.48	3. C. DeMarre (MU)	57.9		Oklahoma State		2	4	13 7
4. D. Garrett (ISU)	5.33	4. R. Kevin (BU)	53.0		Iowa State		1	5	12 9
5. S. Collins (OU)	5.05	5. W. Warren (OU)	50.5		Texas Tech		1	5	11 10
					Colorado		1	5	9 11

Women's Big 12 Conference Standings									
Conference Leaders					Big 12 Conference (as of Tuesday)				
Scoring		Rebounds			Standings		Conference		Overall
	PPG		RPG						
1. A. Riley (OSU)	23.5	1. C. Paris (OU)	13.6		<b>Women's</b>		W	L	W L
2. D. McCray (KU)	19.3	2. A. Paris (OU)	10.0		Oklahoma		7	0	18 2
3. B. Spears (CU)	18.2	3. D. Wilson (BU)	9.1		<b>K-State</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18 2</b>
4. T. Starks (KSU)	16.0	4. D. Seals (TTU)	8.0		Baylor		5	2	17 3
5. A. Sweat (KSU)	15.8	5. D. McCray (TTU)	7.9		Texas A&M		5	2	17 3
Assists		Field-goal shooting			Iowa State		4	2	16 4
	APG		Percent		Texas		3	3	15 5
1. A. Riley (OSU)	22.7	1. C. Paris (OU)	61.7		Oklahoma State		3	3	14 5
2. D. McCray (KU)	17.9	2. A. Paris (OU)	56.3		Texas Tech		3	4	12 8
3. B. Spears (CU)	17.5	3. M. Gipson (KSU)	53.0		Colorado		2	5	10 9
4. A. Sweat (KSU)	15.5	4. A. Sweat (KSU)	52.3		Kansas		1	5	12 7
5. C. Paris (OU)	15.4	5. D. McCray (KU)	50.7		Missouri		1	6	10 10
					Nebraska		1	6	10 10

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# Columnist honors men’s team with midseason awards



STEVE BERKLUND

The Kansas State men’s basketball team is 3-4 in the Big 12 Conference after three consecutive victories in eight days. The Wildcats (14-7) will be host to Iowa State tonight to finish the first half of conference play. With conference play almost to the midway point, it’s time to hand out the Berkies.

What are the Berkies you ask?

Well, the Berkies are the most sought after acknowledgement in all of sports. I mean, who really cares about the Heisman trophy? The Wooden Award? The Espys?

Don’t get me wrong they’re all decent awards, but I would rather have a Steve Berklund Berkie award.

So what are the qualifications for a Berkie award? If you’re not a K-State Wildcat men’s basketball player,

you cannot win a Berkie. That’s why it’s so prestigious.

The awards go like this: we on the panel – me – decide who gets awards, like defensive player of the year, rebounder of the year, 3-point shooter of the year, newcomer of the year, best bench player or sixth man, best leader, head coach of the year, offensive player of the year, coolest name, hardest name to pronounce, best tattoos, coolest relative, surprise player of the year, best Puerto Rican player, best Kansas player, and finally, overall player of the year.

To start off the awards we’re – I’m – going to give best defender of the year to Chris Merriewether for his effort and determination and ability to throw elbows like nobody’s business.

Rebounder of the year goes to Ron Anderson after his nine-rebound performance against Texas.

The best 3-point shooter has to go to Fred Brown; I mean, he can make it rain from deep.

Newcomer of the year definitely goes to Denis Clemente, who tied a Big 12 record (with Michael Beasley) with 44 points against the Longhorns.

Best bench player or sixth-man goes to Jamar Samuels for

the energy and explosiveness he brings to the court.

Best leader on this team could go to senior Darren Kent, but the way sophomore Jacob Pullen has put this team on his shoulders and taken responsibility has earned him a Berkie for best leader.

Head coach of the year is a no-brainer; it goes to Frank Martin for what he has done in such a short time at K-State.

Offensive player of the year goes to Denis Clemente, this 6-foot guard can do it all, like pour it on against Texas.

Coolest name definitely goes to Buchi Awaji hands down.

Hardest name to pronounce is Victor Ojeleye. How do you say that again?

Best tattoos goes to Denis Clemente. Have you seen his sleeve of ink? It’s down right intimidating.

Best relative goes to Darren Kent, of course I’m talking about his uncle Clark.

Surprise player of the year goes to Luis Colon. Colon’s post play has improved tremendously. Best Puerto Rican player was a tough one, but I go with Luis Colon, because well, Clemente is dominating these awards.

Best Kansas player goes to Justin Werner because he can



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**Denis Clemente** drives past a Missouri defender in a game earlier this year. He leads the team in scoring and scored 44 points Saturday night against Texas.

shoot lights out from long-range –in practice anyway.

Best overall player should go to the best all-around player, and that is Dominique Sutton, because he can shut down anyone on the defensive end and can score when he wants to – and he just needs a Berkie.

Well, there you have it folks, the first-ever Berkies are in the books.

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